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**[Myron Dewey](#) Congratulations to [Lance West](#),  
Pyramid Lake Tribal member and New Principal of Schurz Elementary.  
Our children are the future of our community. We are glad to have a tribal member who  
understands the educational needs of our children. Aho... [See More](#)**

## **Indigenous Australians Take Fight Against Giant Coal Mine to the United Nations** **Earthjustice** By Noni Austi

For tens of thousands of years, the Wangan and Jagalingou people have lived in the flat arid lands of central Queensland, Australia. But now they are fighting for their very existence. Earlier this month, they took their fight to the United Nations after years of Australia's failure to protect their fundamental human rights.

A company called Adani Mining Pty Ltd, part of the Adani Group of companies founded by an Indian billionaire named Gautam Adani, is determined to build the massive Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project on the Wangan and Jagalingou's ancestral homelands. If built, the Carmichael Coal Mine would be among the largest coal mines in the world, with six open-cut pits and five underground mines, as well as associated infrastructure like rail lines, waste rock dumps and an airstrip.

Coal mines are immensely destructive: The Carmichael mine would permanently destroy vast areas of the Wangan and Jagalingou's ancestral homelands and waters, and everything on and in them—sacred sites, totems, plants and animals. It would also likely destroy the Wangan and Jagalingou's most sacred site, Doongmabulla Springs, an oasis in the midst of a dry land. The development of the mine would also result in the permanent extinguishment under Australian law of the Wangan and Jagalingou's rights in a part of their ancestral homelands.

The Wangan and Jagalingou's lands and waters embody their culture and are the living heart of their customs, laws and spiritual beliefs. Their spiritual ancestors—including the *Mundunjudra* (Rainbow Serpent), who travelled through Doongmabulla Springs to shape the land—live on their lands.

As Wangan and Jagalingou authorized spokesperson and cultural leader Adrian Burragubba said, "Our land is our life. It is the place we come from, and it is who we are. Plants, animals and waterholes all have a special place in our land and culture and are connected to it."

Consequently, the destruction of the Wangan and Jagalingou's lands and waters is the destruction of their culture. If their lands are destroyed, they will be unable to pass their culture on to their children and grandchildren, and their identity as Wangan and Jagalingou will be erased.

Murrawah Johnson, authorised youth spokesperson of the Wangan and Jagalingou, said, "In our tribe, women teach our stories to our young people. I want my children and their children to know who they are. And if this mine proceeds and destroys our land and waters, and with it our culture, our future generations will not know who they are. Our people and our culture have survived for thousands of years, and I cannot allow the Carmichael mine to destroy us. I will not allow myself to be the link in the chain that breaks."

The Wangan and Jagalingou have consistently and vehemently opposed the Carmichael mine, rejecting an agreement with Adani Mining on four occasions since 2012. Throughout its dealings with the Wangan and Jagalingou, Adani Mining has used the coercive power of Australian legislation and [acted in bad faith, holding fraudulent meetings and manipulating the Wangan and Jagalingou's internal decision-making processes.](#)

In these circumstances, the development of the Carmichael mine violates the Wangan and Jagalingou's internationally protected human rights, including the right to continue practicing their culture and to use and control their ancestral homelands, as well as the right to be consulted in good faith and to give or withhold their consent to mining projects on their lands.



Despite the Wangan and Jagalingou's persistent objections and their pleas to the Australian and Queensland governments to protect their human rights, both governments have approved the mine and publicly support it, and Adani Mining remains steadfastly determined to develop the project as soon as possible. The Wangan and Jagalingou have also brought litigation in Australia to protect their homelands, but have been unsuccessful to date because Australian law allows private companies and the government to override the Wangan and Jagalingou's rights in their ancestral lands.

Now, to protect their fundamental human rights, the Wangan and Jagalingou have been forced to seek help from a United Nations human rights watchdog. Recently, the Wangan and Jagalingou asked the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to urgently ensure Australia protects their homelands and culture. The committee is the enforcement body of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, a treaty Australia has signed. The convention is one of the core international treaties among the world's nations that protect our most basic human rights, including Indigenous peoples' rights to culture and land.

If Australia will not listen to its own people, the Wangan and Jagalingou hope it will listen to international community and cease prioritizing the profits of a foreign company over the permanent loss of a people who have been connected to the land since time immemorial.

[\*Earthjustice assisted the Wangan and Jagalingou to prepare their request for urgent action to the UN.\*](#)

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### **ARTS, SCIENCE COEXIST AS ROBOTICS FINDS ITS FEET AT LAS VEGAS ACADEMY**

As you'd expect at a performing arts school, students at Las Vegas Academy are more accustomed to building sets than robots. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz38001703>

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## **Fight against Lake Tahoe's invasive species goes to the mat**

By Justin Scacco, Tahoe Daily Tribune, 8/18/18

Blindly feeling along a section of fabric mat underneath the water's surface at Lakeside Marina, a diver grabs a U-shaped piece of rebar and begins hammering away.

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## **Federal Government settles lawsuit over 'wild and scenic' California rivers**

By Ian James, Palm Springs Desert Sun, 8/17/18

Under the legal settlement, the federal government has agreed to present plans to protect eight California rivers and streams that Congress designated years ago as "wild and scenic" rivers.

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## **Fire rained down ash on Redding. Now a race to protect salmon and water supply**

By Jacy Marmaduke, Redding Record Searchlight, 8/18/18

Employees of two Redding-area water treatment plants didn't flee as flames surrounded their pump stations, tucked in the forests wrecked by the Carr Fire.

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## **'Hothouse Earth' Co-Author Says 'People Will Look Back on 2018 as the Year When Climate Reality Hit'**

By Jessica Corbett

Amid a flurry of "breathless headlines" about warnings in a new study that outlines a possible "Hothouse Earth" scenario, one co-author optimistically [expressed](#) his belief that "people will look back on 2018 as the year when climate reality hit."

In an interview with the Guardian on this past Friday, Stockholm Resilience Center executive director Johan Rockström declared, "This is the moment when people start to realize that global warming is not a problem for future generations, but for us now." Rockström's study has received an "unprecedented" amount of global attention in the past week—270,000 downloads and counting.

"Published in the [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#), the new study, while not conclusive in its findings, warns that [humanity may be just 1°C away from creating](#) a series of dynamic feedback loops that could push the world into a climate scenario not seen since the dawn of the Holocene Period, nearly 12,000 years ago," Common Dreams [reported](#) last week.

This domino effect of feedbacks loops, the report explains, would pose "severe risks for health, economies, political stability, and ultimately, the habitability of the planet for humans." Though such warnings are chilling, the report authors and climate experts pointed out a major takeaway from the study that much reporting on it failed to highlight: that there is still time for humanity to act.

"Yes, the prospect of runaway climate change is terrifying. But this dead world is not our destiny. It's entirely avoidable," meteorologist Eric Holthaus [wrote](#) for Grist this week. "As the authors of

the paper have argued in response to the coverage, implying otherwise is the same as giving up just as the fight gets tough."

Investigative journalist Antonia Juhasz, known for her deep dives on the oil industry, spoke with another co-author of the report, University of Arizona professor Diana Liverman, about actions the international community can take right now to address the climate crisis.

"Collective human action is required to steer the Earth System away from a potential threshold and stabilize it in a habitable interglacial-like state," the report's abstract declares. "Such action entails stewardship of the entire Earth System—biosphere, climate, and societies—and could include decarbonization of the global economy, enhancement of biosphere carbon sinks, behavioral changes, technological innovations, new governance arrangements, and transformed social values."

Rockström told the Guardian that he is concerned about the growing gap between scientists' warnings' and most politicians' docile statements and actions, noting that "politicians prefer small problems that they can solve and get credit for. They don't like big problems that, even if they succeed, leave the rewards for their successors."

However, Rockström added, "once you pile up public pressure, politicians find it hard to avoid taking responsibility." As the *Guardian* acknowledged, "even in the U.S., which President Donald Trump has vowed to pull out of the Paris accord, public opinion surveys [have shown a growing acceptance of climate science](#)," likely helped along by recent [extreme weather](#) across the globe, which experts have linked to the climate crisis.

Gallup [polling](#) found earlier this year that although there's a notable partisan divide—only 35 percent of Republicans believe human activity is causing the crisis, compared with 89 percent of Democrats and 62 percent of Independents— "majorities of Americans overall say most scientists think global warming is occurring (66 percent), it is caused by human activities (64 percent), and its effects have begun (60 percent)."

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**Billions in Maintenance Needed at National Parks** *August 20, 2018 - Katherine Davis-Young, Public News Service (NV) [Play Audio in Browser Window](#)*

More than \$200 million in maintenance repairs are needed in Nevada's national park sites. (Lake Mead/Flickr)

LAS VEGAS – Places such as Nevada's Lake Mead, Death Valley and Great Basin are beloved American destinations for visitors, but sites administered by the National Park Service also face an \$11.6 billion backlog in maintenance issues.

Now, there's growing bipartisan support to fix the national parks.

The spending backlog includes more than \$200 million in maintenance needs in Nevada park sites alone.



Yaron Miller, an officer with The Pew Charitable Trusts' [Restore America's Parks project](#), says the problems threaten visitor access and safety.

"These repairs include deteriorating historic buildings, unsafe roads, eroding trails, outdated campgrounds and broken bathrooms, crumbling monuments and degraded water, sewer and electrical systems," he points out.

A bipartisan group of senators this summer introduced the Restore Our Parks Act. It proposes to spend \$6.5 billion over five years to make some of the most critical repairs in the parks.

Lawmakers say national parks are important not only to the nation's identity but to its economy.

Nevada's National Park Service sites last year brought more than \$260 million in [visitor spending](#) to the state and supported more than 3,000 jobs.

But Alan O'Neill, former superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, fears maintenance issues are impacting tourist experiences in Nevada.

For example, he says as Lake Mead's water levels drop, boating infrastructure needs constant updating.



"Some of these boat launching ramps are now half a mile, two-thirds of a mile away from where they originally were when I was there, so how do you replace that?" he raises. "How do you keep up with that?"

The Senate bill to provide funding for national park repairs is currently under committee review. A similar bill is moving forward in the House of Representatives.

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### **From "Cigars and Cigarettes" by W.F. Curryer/ August 13 1895:**

The tobacco habit may appropriately and with strict justice, be described as a relic of barbarism. It was copied and adopted from the vicious and ignorant savages who lived in the West Indies, where they were discovered by Columbus. The result has been that while the European powers by treachery and the force of arms subjected

the tribes and peoples of the Western hemisphere, these in their turn, have subjected and debased the populations of the Eastern continent by tobacco.

So universal and so popular has the use of this article become, that to take any decided stand against it and proclaim the facts in regard to it, requires an unusual degree of moral courage. It is easier by far to keep silent and float quietly with the current, even of a river so execrably filthy. There are very many now, who will freely acknowledge every thing that can be said respecting the pernicious effects of this baneful drug, yet will inculcate a far different doctrine by their example. They will affirm unequivocally that the use of tobacco is disgusting and degrading to the moral nature, as well as injurious to bodily health, and yet in the presence of the very audience where they have borne this sweeping testimony, will continue the practice—chew and spit, smoke and puff, snuff and sneeze, as if it were perfectly proper and becoming. It is a grave problem, how they can, under such a state of facts, reasonably expect to convince others, and in particular the law-makers, that they are themselves sincere, or that their declarations are true.

There is no narcotic of ancient or modern times which has been so extensively used, and no drug about which there exists so great diversity of feeling and opinion, both among the people generally and the members of the medical profession. While the use of alcoholic beverages is very generally looked upon as debasing, and often exposes the individual to social ostracism, most persons will condone the offense of tobacco. Many individuals imagine that they possess some pent-up nervous energy, a deranged mental equilibrium, which tobacco serves as a safety-valve to benumb or goad into normal condition. In this way it has gained some degree of toleration and even of public approval.

The habit must be regarded as one of the greatest evils of the age. I do not except alcohol even with its long, murderous record. The use of tobacco is worse than alcohol because it is more general, because its moral status is considered as higher, and because its pernicious results are more gradual and less obvious to view...

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*from a 2014 Journal:*

**Federal meteorologist: California 2 years away from running out of water** [KSFN](#)

A U.S. Department of Agriculture meteorologist believes California is only two years away from completely running out of water.

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*But we can do better. We can build better -- and we have to. We've got ports that aren't ready for the next generation of cargo ships. We've got more than 100,000 bridges that are old enough to qualify for Medicare. (Laughter.) We've got leaky pipes that lose billions of gallons of drinking water every single day, even as we've got a severe drought in much of the West. Nearly half our people don't have access to transit at all. And I don't have to tell you what some of our airports look like.*

*President Barack Obama May 14, 2014*

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**<http://nativeamericannetroots.net/diary/1037>**

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**It is the season: Educate yourself**

<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations>

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## 4 Ways You Can Help Reduce Plastic

Small changes to your family’s routine can empower everyone to make a real difference in the fight against plastic. Start today!

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### Keep It In A Cone

Going out for ice cream? Choose a cone instead of a cup (cones taste better too!)

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### Use a Reuseable Straw

Choose colorful ones for the kids and keep them handy.

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### Ban the Plastic Bottle

Let your kids choose their own reusable water bottle they can take everywhere.

4

### A Leaner Lunch

Pack waste-free lunches in a reusable bag and choose sandwich wrappers made of cloth or beeswax.

## MORE TIPS FOR THE FAMILY

You understand the harmful effects, but do your friends and family? Bring others along with you by sharing what you know.

## PLASTIC FACT

The average plastic bag has a lifespan of 16 minutes, but can sit in the ocean for 400 years.

By 2050, virtually every seabird species on the planet will be eating plastic.

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When asked once if things worried him, he replied, 'If you had spent two years in bed trying to wiggle your big toes, after that anything else would seem easy.' .. (FDR)

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– “Around the World With Books: A Peek at Global Best-Seller Lists: By this point in August, the lists have become sludgy and static, with very little turnover...We decided to turn to other countries to see what they’re reading these days.” (NYT)

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*I think there are a few more:*

“To this day the Colosseum remains the world’s most concentrated killing ground, and it is estimated that between a quarter and half a million people had their lives abruptly ended in its arena, along with several million animals large and small, common and rare. Species became extinct in its service. Perhaps its most disturbing legacy, though, is what it says about human nature. Humans, if they are reassured that their behaviour is socially acceptable, are quite



capable of enjoying the sign of others enduring a gruesome death in front of them, and of enjoying it again and again.” – Rome: A History in Seven Sackings by Matthew Kneale

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*“I can’t afford to hate anyone. I don’t have that kind of time.” – Akira Kurosawa*

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### **Betting Utah Sands Will Be the Next Great Oil Source**

By CLIFFORD KRAUSS

Backers say their method will avoid the environmental toll incurred in Canada’s oil sands — some others aren’t so sure — and will yield profits at half the current price of crude.

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### **Community Seed Grants    APPLICATIONS DUE September 7!**

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### **Everyday Native: Healing Racism through Education**

Walnut Creek, Calif. (July 6, 2018) – Everyday Native is the first collaborative teacher’s resource created by non-Natives and Native Americans to focus on the daily lives of Native youth. It



sparks discussion and understanding among 4th through 12th grade students about the experiences of navigating the two worlds of Native and non-Native life, including racism that contributes to higher than national average rates of suicide among Native youth ages 15-24 years old.

Everyday Native launched in late July. Teachers, students, parents, and the public can go to [www.everdaynative.com](http://www.everdaynative.com) to register for a free account

[Read More](#)

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### **Bear finds a voice: A story about what's in the books we read to our kids**

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**“In life and in a boxing ring, the defeat is not declared when you fall down. It is declared only when you refuse to get up” – Manoj Arora**

*“The world ain’t all sunshine and rainbows. It is a very mean and nasty place and it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain’t how hard you hit; it’s about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward. How much you can take, and keep moving forward. That’s how winning is done. Now, if you know what you’re worth, then go out and get what you’re worth.”*  
 – Sylvester Stallone as Rocky Balboa

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**RANCHER CLIVEN BUNDY AGAIN SUES NEVADA, CLARK COUNTY**

Rancher Cliven Bundy, cleared of federal charges this year, refiled a lawsuit against Nevada and Clark County governments. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz38031725> More <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz38031732>

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*"Since high school, I've found myself working various dead-end jobs. These jobs became frustrating as I became more and more anxious about a long-term plan for the future. It was only natural, being my own neighborhood's unofficial tech-guy, that I finally pursued the credentials I needed to step into a job that I will fit right into: computer technology."*

Brian obtained both the Cisco IT Essentials and CompTIA A+ certifications. Brian was offered a full-time job as a Desktop Technician, and was recently promoted to Server Administrator, inside the corporation where he interned.